

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 8, 14-15, and 17-20 have been canceled; claims 1, 9, 11, and 16 have been amended, and thus claims 1-7, 9-13 and 16 are currently pending..

Referring to paragraph one of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to. In particular Fig 5 and Fig 7 were stated to be missing the letter "e" in certain words. Applicants traverse this objection. Copies of the Figs 5 and 7 as originally submitted are sent herewith. Applicant suspects a scanning error in the PTO cause the noted error, as no such error is present in the files of the pplicant. Applicant submits no formal correction to the drawings is required, although applicant asks the examiner to call and discuss this matter if it would in any way clarify or correct an incorrect assumption by applicant.

Referring to paragraph 14 of the Office Action, claims 8, 9 and 15 were objected to but were also stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 1 (from which claim 8 depended) and claim 11 (from which claim 15 depended) to include all the limitations of each respectively. As such claims 1 et seq and 11 et seq are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 566-1746.

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